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SUBJECT: CBS INTERVIEW OF BUTHELEZI

REF: GABORONE 1175 (NOTAL)

1. GEORGE CRILE, CBS PRODUCER, MET EMBOFF ON MORNING OF
APRIL 26. CBS TEAM HAS NOW RECEIVED PERMISSION FOR CAMERA
CREWS TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA AND, AS REPORTED REFTEL, THEY
PREFER TO INTERVIEW BUTHELEZI AND PATON ON THEIR HOME
GROUND. CRILE SAID THEY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO ULUNDI
AND POSSIBLY GET A FLAVOR OF THE INKATHA ORGANIZATIONAL
SITUATION AND ATMOSPHERE AS WELL AS TALK TO BUTHELEZI.

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2. CRILE ASKED EMBOFF IF MESSAGE COULD BE PASSED TO
BUTHELEZI. EMBOFF PLACED CALL TO BUTHELEZI REP GIBSON
THULA AT HIS THEMBSA OFFICE BUT HE WAS STILL IN ULUNDI AT THE TIME.
ALTHOUGH EMBOFF LEFT MESSAGE FOR THULA AND WILL PASS ON REQUEST,
CONGEN PROBABLY WOULD WISH TO INITIATE REQUEST. CRILE
AND CREW WILL BE BACK IN SOUTH AFRICA ON MAY 1. AC-

CORDING TO CRILE, FIRST FEW DAYS WILL BE SPENT DOING INTERVIEWS WITH SAG PERSONALITIES, IN PARTICULAR CONNIE MULDER. EITHER LATER IN WEEK OF MAY 1, OR EARLY THE NEXT WEEK, THEY WOULD TRY TO SEE BUTHELEZI. CRILE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WHEN HE RETURNED.

3. CRILE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH STUDENT LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVE "VOICES" OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY. EMBOFF OFFERED TO BE HELPFUL IF POSSIBLE. CRILE SAYS CONCEPT OF DOCUMENTARY IS NOT TO BELABOR THE WOES OF APARTHEID BUT TO SHOW THE ALIGNMENTS AND POLARIZATIONS OCCURRING BECAUSE OF IT AND TO REFLECT ON WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, PARTICULARLY AS IT AFFECTS USG INTERESTS.
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